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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS LIMITATIONS: BRITISH VIEWS

REF: A) BONN 8605; B) GENEVA 6821

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN BONN ON MAY 9 WITH FRG, UK
AND FRANCE ON THE SUBJECT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS LIMITATIONS
(REF A), US DELEGATION MEMBER (LTC LEONARD) ASKED BRITISH
REPS TO ELABORATE ON INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED US
(REF B) ON WORLD WAR TWO BRITISH FACILITIES. LTC LEONARD
STRESSED THAT THE US PROPOSAL ON DESTRUCTION OF FACILITIES
ENVISIONED ONLY DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT
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USED FOR PRODUCTION AND MUNITION FILLING AND NOT DESTRUC-
TION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS IN THE SAME
COMPLEX. HE ASKED WHETHER THIS CLARIFICATION OF THE
US POSITION WOULD AFFECT BRITISH VIEWS ON THE ISSUE OF
WHETHER FACILITIES SHOULD BE DESTROYED, RATHER THAN
ALLOWING CONVERSION. BRITISH REPS PROMISED TO RESPOND
LATER.

2. TO DATE NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED DESPITE AN INFORMAL FOLLOW-UP ON JULY 7 WITH UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THE FINAL VERSION OF GUIDANCE FOR THE US DELEGATION AT THE NEXT ROUND OF THE US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS

IS NOW BEING PREPARED. BEFORE ESTABLISHING A FIRM POSITION ON ISSUES RELATED TO DECLARATION AND DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS FACILITIES, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CHECK WITH THE BRITISH ONCE MORE TO SEE IF THEY CAN PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FORMER UK FACILITIES.

3. PLEASE FOLLOW-UP ON THE MAY 9 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, DRAWING ON PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE. VANCE

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